

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/502,070

Examiner

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the papers filed on 15 November 2004 and the telephonic interview on 1 October 2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 19-35.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 20040720
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date 20071001
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Attorney Kevin Guynn, Registration No. 29,927, on October 1, 2007.

2. The application has been amended as follows:

In the abstract:

Line 1 of the abstract: Delete "The invention relates to a" and replace with -A--.

Line 4 of the abstract: Delete "Said" and replace with -The--.

Line 6 of the abstract: Immediately preceding "embodied", delete "re".

In the claims:

Claim 19, line 3: Delete "wherein the system comprises" and replace with -the system comprising--.

Claim 19, line 5: Delete "by means of" and replace with -via--.

Claim 19, line 7: Delete "wherein" at the beginning of the line. Delete "comprises" and replace with -comprising--.

Claim 19, line 9: Delete "wherein" at the beginning of the line.

Claim 19, line 10: Delete "is arranged" and replace with --being arranged--.

Claim 19, line 11: Delete "wherein" at the beginning of the line. Delete "is formed" and replace with -being formed--.

Claim 19, line 12: Delete "wherein" at the beginning of the line. Delete "are formed" and replace with -being formed--.

Claim 19, line 14: Delete "wherein" at the beginning of the line. Delete "comprises" and replace with

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–further comprising--.

Claim 19, line 17: Delete “can be connected” and replace with –are connectable--. Claim 19, line 19:

Delete “wherein” at the beginning of the line.

Claim 19, line 20: Delete “has” and replace with –having--.

Claim 20, line 1: Delete “A system” and replace with “The system”.

Claim 21, line 1: Delete “A system” and replace with “The system”.

Claim 22, line 1: Delete “A system” and replace with “The system”.

Claim 22, line 2: Delete “slightly”.

Claim 23, line 1: Delete “A system” and replace with “The system”.

Claim 24, line 1: Delete “A system” and replace with “The system”.

Claim 25, line 1: Delete “A system” and replace with “The system”.

Claim 26, line 1: Delete “A system” and replace with “The system”.

Claim 27, line 1: Delete “A system” and replace with “The system”.

Claim 28, line 1: Delete “A system” and replace with “The system”.

Claim 29, line 1: Delete “A system” and replace with “The system”.

Claim 30, line 1: Delete “A system” and replace with “The system”.

Claim 30, line 3: Delete “approximately” (both instances).

Claim 31, line 1: Delete “A system” and replace with “The system”.

Claim 31, line 2: Delete “approximately”.

Claim 31, line 3: Delete “approximately”.

Claim 32, line 1: Delete “A system” and replace with “The system”.

Claim 32, line 2: Delete “approximately”.

Claim 33, line 1: Delete “A system” and replace with “The system”.

Claim 33, line 2: Delete “approximately”.

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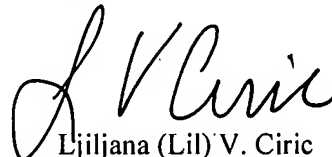
Claim 34, line 1: Delete "A system" and replace with "The system".

Claim 35, line 1: Delete "A system" and replace with "The system".

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ljiljana (Lil) V. Ciric whose telephone number is 571-272-4909. The examiner works a flexible work schedule but can normally be reached on most days during the work week between the hours of 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Cheryl J. Tyler can be reached on 571-272-4834. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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